

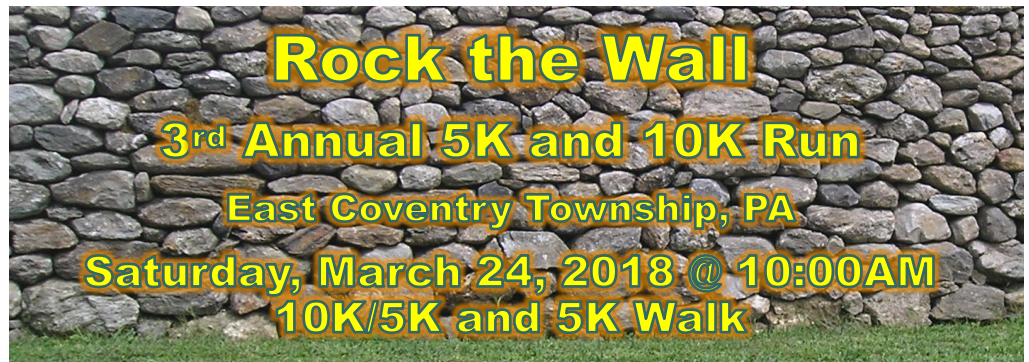


East Coventry Times

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Greetings from Township Staff...

In this issue we share news about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

From all of us here at ECT – we look forward to working with you this year!

WHO: Runners and walkers of all ages. Gather your family, friends and co-workers. Dogs are welcomed, but must be leashed; strollers are not prohibited, but are ill-advised.

WHAT: **Rock the Wall Run** is a fundraiser to support East Coventry Township Parks and Recreation.

WHERE: East Coventry Township Building
855 Ellis Woods Rd, Pottstown, PA 19465

WHEN: **Saturday, March 24th 2018**

8:30 a.m. – Registration begins

10:00 a.m. – Start time both races

11:00 a.m. – Award presentation at Pavilion

All runners will follow the 5k course; 10k runners will continue on a new route to complete their run. Both routes are a combination of road and trail. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 miles marked. Photos by Matt Porter will be available free for download.

Finish line and timing service by **Pretzel City Sports**.
Race results to be posted on **www.pretzelcitysports.com**.

TO REGISTER: Complete & submit the form on Page 2. or register online:

<https://www.pretzelcitysports.com/online-registration/>

(Nominal service fee applies, online registration closes at midnight, Wed. before race day)



Register for the Rock the Wall Run...

Complete the Registration Form below and submit \$30 entry fee (check/money order) payable to East Coventry Township by March 8th to receive a Rock the Wall Thermal Long Sleeve T-shirt. Entry fee received after March 8th (including Race Day) is \$35. T-shirt is not guaranteed if your Registration Form & entry fee is received after March 8th.

Optional Online Registration Available: <https://www.pretzelcitysports.com/online-registration/>

Medal & \$25 gift card presented to Overall Male and Female Champion for the 10k and 5k races. Medals only presented to top three (3) Male and three (3) Female finishers in each of the following age brackets: 14 and Under; 15-19 years; 20-29 years; 30-39 years; 40-49 years; 50-59 years; 60-69 years; 70+ years. (All Awards given for both the 5k and 10k races) After race refreshments will be available.

Finish line & timing service by Pretzel City Sports. Race results posted on www.pretzelcitysports.com.

Route map posted on East Coventry Township website:

<http://eastcoventry-pa.gov/> or on mapmyrun.com

10k <http://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/1374091330>

5k <http://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/1386021277>

REGISTRATION FORM: 3rd ANNUAL ROCK THE WALL

Mail Check/Money Order (payable to East Coventry Township) along with this portion of Registration Form to:
East Coventry Township, 855 Ellis Woods Rd., Pottstown, PA 19465

NOTE: Registration Form & Entry Fee must be received on or before March 8th to receive a Rock the Wall Thermal Long Sleeve T-shirt.

Entry fee after March 8th (including Race Day) is \$35. (T-shirt not guaranteed if Registration Form & entry fee is received after March 8th.)

Circle your Event: 5k RUNNER / 5k WALKER / 10k RUNNER

T-Shirt Size (circle one): Adult: S M L XL XXL

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____

City _____,

ST _____ Zip _____

Age (on Race Day) _____ Male _____ Female _____

Waiver/Release and Permission to Use Image.

For and in consideration of my participation in the "Rock the Wall 3rd Annual 5K and 10K, East Coventry Township, PA" (hereinafter the "Race"), I hereby agree to the terms and conditions of this Waiver/Release and Permission to Use Image as more specifically set forth herein. I hereby acknowledge that participation in such a Race is an inherently dangerous activity. I understand that the risks include serious injury or death from such hazards as weather conditions, falls, contact with the road, motor vehicle traffic, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including heat and/or humidity, cold, wind and wind/chill, the condition of the road, trails and farmland and other potential hazards, foreseeable and/or unforeseeable. I acknowledge that I should not participate in the Race unless I am medically able and properly trained. I hereby waive and release any and all claims from loss, casualty, injury or death against the Race Director, Race Officials, the Township of East Coventry, the County of Chester and all Race volunteers and sponsors, their supervisors, commissioners, directors, principals, any and all employees, servants and agents, their representatives and successors and hereby further agree to assume all risks associated with participation in this Race.

Furthermore, I acknowledge that photographs, videotapes, recordings and other reproduction(s) of my image may be used for promotional purposes by the Township of East Coventry, Directors, Officials and/or Volunteers for the Race. I hereby grant any and all necessary permission to use any such images in any form of media, published or unpublished, now or hereafter for any legitimate purpose. I have read and fully understand that these terms are contractual and not a mere recital and sign this Waiver/Release and Permission to Use Image voluntarily.

Date

Signature of Participant (or parent or guardian if under the 18 years of age)

Staff Notes...

Finance Department...

Sewer Account Payments. Please notate your address on your sewer payment, your sewer account number is actually the property address of the service connection. If you need to make payment arrangements, please contact us at 610-495-5443.

Fire Safety ...

Volunteer Opportunity. Enjoy working with children and available during the day? The Fire Company is seeking volunteers to assist with Fire Safety Community Outreach on an as needed basis throughout the year. The busiest time is during the month of October and may include some weekends. Ideal for a (semi) retired teacher or child care worker, since many youth groups are pre-schoolers. Please email RidgeFH@RidgeFireCompany.com for further details.



Police Department...

Additional Parking Regulations and New Enforcement Procedures Authorized by Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 218 Parking, at its December 11, 2017 meeting. This Ordinance establishes additional parking regulations, authorizes the issuance of parking violation notices and tickets for a violation of Township parking regulations and establishes a \$20.00 fine for a violation of local parking regulations.



The additional regulations prohibit parking as follows:

Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant; within 30 feet of the approach to a flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign or traffic-control signal located at the site of a roadway; upon any bridge or upon a roadway; on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street; on any railroad tracks; within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection; parking within an intersection or on a crosswalk; in front of a public or private driveway; in a fire zone or fire lane; parking within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station or, when properly sign posted, on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75' of the entrance; parking too far (12") from the right-hand curb; any place where official signs prohibit or restrict parking, stopping or standing.

Parking regulations will be enforced by the East Coventry Township Police Department. Police Officers will place or attach a parking violation notice upon vehicles stating the vehicle was parked in violation of the regulations. The owner/driver shall have 10 days after the date of the notice to report to the Township Police Department to pay the fine otherwise a citation under the Pa. Vehicle Code will be issued. If you have any questions about parking regulations please don't hesitate to contact the Police Department (610) 495-0119.

Public Works...

Summer road work. Oil/chipping Mitchell Drive, all of Baptist Church and Saylor's Mill Road between Ebelhare and Bethel Church Road. Please use caution while Public Works' personnel are working on the roadways.





Join Us!!

Earth Day Pigeon Creek Cleanup...

In support of Earth Day activities this April, the Board of Supervisors is sponsoring a cleanup of Pigeon Creek between Route 724 to the Schuylkill River. Persons interested in keeping East Coventry clean and green are invited to volunteer a few hours of their time to participate in this 11th annual community stream cleanup initiative.

Interested volunteers are to gather at the Schuylkill River Trail parking lot located at the intersection of Bethel Church Road and Route 724, at 10:00 a.m. on **Saturday, April 21, 2018**.

The rain date will be Saturday, April 28, 2018. For more information, please contact Brady Flaharty, Township Engineer, at 610-495-2118 or brady.flaharty@thearrogroup.com.

Spring Cleaning? Reduce, Reuse, Recycle...

• Hazardous Waste Collection

Visit the ECT Website (eastcoventry-pa.gov) for a link to Chester County's tentative 2018 Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule.

Note: Latex paint may be discarded in household trash following these steps:

Remove lid, dry out paint completely, discard (without lid); or pour paint into plastic bag with absorbent material (clay-based kitty litter, sawdust, rags), place bag and can (without lid) in trash. Paint hardener can also be purchased at the hardware store.



• Electronics

Brandywine Recycling and Disposal
172 Barons Hill Road, Honey Brook, PA 19344
M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | Phone: 610-942-2500
(\$20 - any size TV | Also accept scrap metal, tires, and propane tanks.)
Visit the ECT Website (eastcoventry-pa.gov) for a link to their flyer.

• Leaf and Yard Waste

Township residents may drop off leaf and yard waste at no charge to Arborganic Acres organic composting facility (arborganicacres.com), 901 Cherry Hill Ln., Pottstown, PA 19465 or contact your trash collection contractor for their pickup schedule.



Spotted Lanternfly Update...

They're here. Visit the ECT website homepage (eastcoventry-pa.gov) for informative links to the latest measures residents can take to help control the spread of this pest.

2018 Tax Collection Office Hours 2018 ...

East Coventry Township Tax Collector, Missy King, will be at the Township office, 855 Ellis Woods Rd., to receive tax payments in person on the April dates listed:

Tuesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24	12 Noon—4:00 PM
Thursdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26	12 Noon—4:00 PM
Saturdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28	9:00 AM—12 Noon
Monday, April 30th	2:00 PM—7:00 PM

Payment of Township Real Estate and Per Capita Tax accepted in person in the Board of Supervisors meeting room at the dates and times shown above.
(Credit card payments are not accepted.)

For further information or special appointment times, please contact:
Missy King, Phone: 610-495-7667

ECT Business Owner Receives Prestigious Honor...

Barbara Longstreth, founder of Longstreth Sports in Parkerford, will be the 5th woman to be inducted into the National Sporting Goods Hall of Fame in May 2018. While coaching field hockey at Stanford University, Barbara began selling field hockey sticks from the trunk of her car in 1978. In the early 80's, Barbara and her family moved back east to PA and she became Athletic Director at Springside School. She continued sales of field hockey sticks along with other sports equipment from her home. The business grew and she partnered with her brother, Dick Heylmun, to purchase a barn on Wells Road to serve as their retail center. A full line of women's apparel was added, catalogs were created for each sport and distributed nationwide. The Barn became a destination store for Field Hockey players from all around the globe. Visitors from over 38 countries have been to the Parkerford facility, including 4 entire Olympic teams! There is no other facility like it in the US and the present owners have continued the Longstreth business model. Congratulations, Barbara, on your remarkable achievement !

Coventry Food Pantry...

You may drop off items in the Township office lobby. Your donations support families throughout the Owen J. Roberts School District. **Items Always Needed:**

Canned Goods | Peanut Butter & Jelly | Cleaning Supplies | Personal Supplies
Paper Products | Laundry Detergent | Diapers & Wipes

Historical Committee Update...

FRICKS LOCKS VILLAGE 2018 TOUR SCHEDULE

Tours will be conducted at
10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
on the following Saturdays.

June 9, 2018 and June 23, 2018
July 14, 2018 and July 28, 2018
August 11, 2018 and August 25, 2018
September 8, 2018 and September 22, 2018
October 13, 2018 and October 27, 2018



The East Coventry Historical Commission is recruiting volunteers!

Please consider volunteering as a Historical Commission member, we meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Township Building at 7:00 p.m. If time and personal responsibilities don't allow for a Historical Commission member commitment, we offer shorter, more flexible positions.

The Historical Commission has three Committee's seeking new membership – the Oral History Committee, Archives Committee, and Fricks Locks Volunteer Committee.

Interested in becoming a Fricks Locks Volunteer? We conduct Fricks Locks Tours June through October, the second and fourth Saturday of the month. Volunteer for tour registration, as a tour guide or as a presenter, we schedule based on your availability.

This year we are hosting a Town Tour and Village Walk at Fricks Locks Village and are especially in need of volunteers for Thursday evening, August 16, 2018. If interested, contact the Township (info@eastcoventry-pa.gov) to arrange a conversation with a Historical Commission member to discuss our volunteer opportunities!

A Fricks Locks Family Memoir

When you tour East Coventry Township's premier historic site, Fricks Locks Village, you will likely be guided by folks who actually lived there. Frank K. Elliott, Jr. (Dad) and Ruth M. (Grater) Elliott (Mom) bought and rehabilitated a modest home (the Ellis Hoffman House, 1856) in the village after World War II when housing was scarce. Dad and Mom moved into the home in 1947 with two young children in tow. By 1959 they moved to larger quarters in North Coventry Township due to the squeeze of an ever growing family now numbering eight children which finally topped out at ten children.

Dad was a very colorful person. He graduated from Massanutten Military Academy in Woodstock, Virginia where he and three teammates established a freestyle relay AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) swimming World Record. Their record remained unbroken for decades which gave him great joy. He began teaching us to swim at Hopewell Lake and Six Penny Lake in French Creek State Park. Grandfather Elliott purchased YMCA memberships for us and it wasn't long before we were all swimming competitively. We continued swimming in the summertime at Laurelwood Swim Club where Dad was a charter member. The entire family was swept up in swimming year round achieving much local notoriety over the years. Siblings, Tim, Ruth and Elisabeth all received college scholarships for swimming. Ruth reached her swimming pinnacle at North Carolina State University in 1980 when she placed 13th in the world for individual 50 meter freestyle.

Dad and Mom instilled values early in every aspect of life. Dad worked hard at Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Pottstown, Pa. as a mechanic six days a week. During a very memorable snow blizzard in the 1950's when the roads were impassable, he walked to Firestone from Fricks Locks Village following the railroad tracks. He then slept in the factory locker room after working double shifts for a few days until he could get back home. Later in life he founded, built and pastored The Assemblies of God Church in Thorndale, Pa.

Mom was also a very hard worker devoted to God and family along with my Dad. In addition to performing all the usual household and childcare chores, she made most of our clothes, curtains and even doll clothes. Mom loved music and played the piano and sang. Piano lessons were mandatory for all the older children whether we

liked it or not. Mrs. Savage of Parkerford, Pa. gave us piano lessons. After completing two years of piano lessons, we were allowed to select a second musical instrument of our choice. This resulted in the accumulation of an accordion, violin, marimba, trumpet and drums. Yes, my parents had nerves of steel!

In the days before T.V.'s and electronics, we children just wanted to play. And what a playground Fricks Locks Village was to us. Our maternal grandparents lived just down the road along with an uncle, aunt and four cousins. Early every spring we, as an extended family, would take a woodlands walk to pick wildflowers and to collect watercress from the canal pond. As kids, we didn't know much about Fricks Locks history, but we sure loved skating on the frozen canal bed remnants in the winter and sledding down the farmer's hills. Building huts and forts everywhere including at the old train station site kept us busy and happy. Of course, we all had responsibilities maintaining the large family vegetable garden, but we foraged for fresh wild fruits and berries when playing. We knew where everything grew throughout the village environs. Mom made the best jelly from wineberries collected near the river.

The older children remember Fricks Locks as paradise. But life propelled us onward as life does. Ultimately, all ten children received college degrees and some post graduate degrees. Careers varied: Education, the medical field, social services and small business. Some siblings now live out of state.

So many stories and memories of life in Fricks Locks Village live in the hearts of our present day tour guides. We have many very valued tour guides from different sectors of our community. Donna, Nancy, Penny, Rebekah and Priscilla represent the Elliott family and will joyfully share some of their village memories on the tour. Nancy's grandchildren, Bode and Evelyn, are now mentoring as future guides.

This story is a glimpse of one family's journey from very humble beginnings in Fricks Locks Village to the present day. We treasure our heritage and are very thankful to East Coventry Township and Exelon Corporation for preserving our beloved village for all to enjoy.

- Penny (Elliott) Morton



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*Be sure to visit the ECT website
(eastcoventry-pa.gov) for Township
news and activities!*

Board of Supervisors

W. Atlee Rinehart, Chair
Anthony Duffy, Vice Chair
Ray Kolb, Member
Karen Nocella, Member
Michael Albert Moyer, Member



Dates to Remember

Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors
2nd Monday at 7:00 PM

Planning Commission
3rd Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Historical Commission
2nd Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Parks & Recreation Committee
4th Tuesday at 7:30 PM

Open Space Committee (Quarterly)
1st Wednesday at 7:00 PM
April 2018

All Township meetings are held at the Township Building

East Coventry Township
Spring | Summer Office Hours
Monday - Friday | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Closed:

President's Day, Monday, February 19th
Good Friday, March 30th
Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th
Independence Day, July 4th
Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd

Parents, Save the Date!

Parkerford Woman's Club

Children's Summer Fun Program...

Wed., July 18th 10-11 am

Wed., August 15th 10-11 am

Ellis Woods Park Pavilion

**Refreshments and
Special Entertainment!**

